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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express our strong resistance to the proposed Canadian National purchase of EJ&E Railroad.

Our objection is based upon the anticipated significant increase in number of trains and the average length of these trains. These increases will cause significant risks including the following:

SAFETY

- increased transit
- transport of chemicals/nuclear waste
- proximity to schools
- inadequate funding for needed infrastructure improvements.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- inconvenience caused by traffic increases.
- noise levels
- precludes "star" line advantages.

PROPERTY VALUES

- anticipated significant drop in property values (per a number of studies).

Thank you for your consideration.

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